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In re Application of: JOSEL, Hans-Peter *et al.*

Serial No: 08/776,190

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For: OLIGOMERIC CARRIER MOLECULES
WITH DEFINED INCORPORATED
MARKER GROUPS AND HAPTEN

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Examiner: Joseph W. Ricigliano, Ph.D.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 15, 2001

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2000 which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months that expired November 15, 2000. A petition for a 3-month extension of time until February 15, 2001 is enclosed herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as shown below.